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10 INVENTION: "COMPUTED TOMOGRAPHY APPARATUS AND BEAM
DIAPHRAGM THEREFOR HAVING ABSORBER
ELEMENTS SHAPED TO PRODUCE A NON-UNIFORM
BEAM PASSAGE OPENING" (As Amended)

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Sir:

20 In accordance with the provisions of 37 C.F.R. §1.56, Applicants request
that citation and examination of the following documents be made during the
course of examination of the above-referenced application for United States
Letters Patent.

25 AA United States Patent No. 6,556,657
AB United States Patent No. 6,396,902
AC United States Patent Application Publication 2002/0015474
AD United States Patent No. 6,259,766
AE United States Patent No. 5,644,614
AF United States Patent No. 5,557,107
AG United States Patent No. 5,406,611
AH United States Patent No. 5,257,305
30 AI United States Patent No. 4,691,335
AJ United States Patent No. 4,057,342

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EXPLANATION OF RELEVANCE

References AB, AD and AE were identified and discussed in the present specification, together with the German counterpart (DE 42 26 861 C2) to Reference AG and the European counterpart (EP 0 187 245 A1) to Reference AI.

References AB and AE also were cited in a Search Report from the German Patent Office in connection with the counterpart German application.


References AA, AC, AD, AF, AH and AG were cited in the Search Report dated August 19, 2004 rendered during earlier examination of the present PCT application.

Since all of these references are in English, no further commentary concerning their teachings is necessary. Since all of these references are United States patents or application publications, it is not necessary to submit copies of any of these references, however, Form 1449 is submitted herewith on which all of the references are listed.

This Information Disclosure Statement is being filed simultaneously with the present application, and is therefore in compliance with 37 C.F.R. §1.97(b)(1), and no fee is necessary.

All claims of the application are submitted to be patentable over the teachings of the above references, taken singly or in combination. Early consideration of the application is therefore respectfully requested.

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